



DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY

BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF NAVAL RECORDS

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Docket No: 3785-99

17 March 2000

From: Chairman, Board for Correction of Naval Records
To: Secretary of the Navy

Subj: REVIEW OF NAVAL RECORD OF [REDACTED]

Ref: (a) Title 10 U.S.C. 1552

Encl: (1) DD Form 149 w/attachments
(2) Case Summary
(3) Subject's naval record

1. Pursuant to the provisions of reference (a), Petitioner, an enlisted member of the United States Naval Reserve filed enclosure (1) with this Board requesting that her reenlistment code be changed.

2. The Board, consisting of Mr. Silberman, Mr. Neuschafer and Ms. McCormick, reviewed Petitioner's allegations of error and injustice on 14 March 2000 and, pursuant to its regulations, determined that the corrective action indicated below should be taken on the available evidence of record. Documentary material considered by the Board consisted of the enclosures, naval records, and applicable statutes, regulations and policies.

3. The Board, having reviewed all the facts of record pertaining to Petitioner's allegations of error and injustice, finds as follows:

a. Before applying to this Board, Petitioner exhausted all administrative remedies available under existing law and regulations within the Department of the Navy.

b. Although it appears that enclosure (1) was not filed in a timely manner, it is in the interest of justice to waive the statute of limitations and review the application on its merits.

c. Petitioner enlisted in the Navy on 20 July 1987 at age 20. She satisfactorily completed training and, on 14 December 1987, reported to her first duty station. On 3 August 1988 she was diagnosed with a personality disorder with narcissistic and histrionic features. The examining psychiatrist believed that she was a continuing risk to harm herself or others if retained in the Navy, and recommended separation. Based on this diagnosis she was processed for an administrative discharge. At that time she stated "I do not object to this separation." On 16 August 1988 the discharge authority directed an honorable discharge. She was so discharged on 24 August 1988. At that time, she was not recommended for reenlistment and was assigned an RE-4

reenlistment code.

d. Petitioner was granted a waiver in 1997 and enlisted in the Naval Reserve on 3 August 1997. She transferred to the Individual Ready Reserve (IRR) on 10 March 1999 and apparently has not participated since that date.

e. Petitioner was granted a waiver for reenlistment based on character references and documentation showing that she had made an excellent post service adjustment. She is now employed as an emergency medical technician and is working on a college degree in physiology. In her application to the Board she contends that her adjustment problems, which resulted in the adverse psychiatric evaluation, were caused by an alcoholic and abusive husband.

f. The Board is aware that regulations in effect at the time allowed for the assignment of an RE-3G or an RE-4 reenlistment code in cases such as this. The RE-4 code is normally assigned when there is a finding that the individual is at risk to harm themselves or others.

CONCLUSION:

Upon review and consideration of all the evidence of record the Board concludes that Petitioner's request warrants favorable action. The Board notes that she has not requested that the reason for her discharge be changed and has not submitted any evidence to refute the psychiatric evaluation which resulted in her discharge from the Navy. However, the Board also notes her period of good service prior to her psychiatric problems and her excellent post service adjustment which led to a waiver of the RE-4 reenlistment code and enlistment in the Naval Reserve. Since Petitioner has made a good post service adjustment and is now a member of the Naval Reserve, the Board concludes that no useful purpose is now served by the RE-4 reenlistment code and it should now be changed to the less stigmatizing RE-3G reenlistment code.

The Board further concludes that this Report of Proceedings should be filed in Petitioner's naval record so that all future reviewers will understand the reason for the change in the reenlistment code.

RECOMMENDATION:

a. That Petitioner's naval record be corrected to show that on 24 August 1988 she was assigned an RE-3G reenlistment code vice the RE-4 reenlistment code now of record.

b. That this Report of Proceedings be filed in Petitioner's naval record.


4. It is certified that a quorum was present at the Board's review and deliberations, and that the foregoing is a true and complete record of the Board's proceedings in the above entitled matter.

ROBERT D. ZSALMAN
Recorder



ALAN E. GOLDSMITH
Acting Recorder

5. Pursuant to the delegation of authority set out in Section 6(e) of the revised Procedures of the Board for Correction of Naval Records (32 Code of Federal Regulations, Section 723.6(e)) and having assured compliance with its provisions, it is hereby announced that the foregoing corrective action, taken under the authority of reference (a), has been approved by the Board on behalf of the Secretary of the Navy.



W. DEAN PFEIFFER
Executive Director